



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

CW13-08

06/30/2008

More Rain Needed

For the week ending, June 29, 2008, the **days suitable for fieldwork** were **6.8** in Delaware and **6.1** days in Maryland. Weekly conditions varied throughout the two states, on Monday, some areas received heavy rains, whereas others received no showers. Most of the week, sunny days provided farmers ideal conditions to continue field work. However, on Friday and into the weekend, hot and humid conditions lingered and some nightly scattered showers and severe storms. Soil moisture levels varied throughout Delaware and Maryland. Farmers continued with high fuel, chemical, seed, and fertilizer prices as field work progressed.

Growers were busy monitoring and controlling pests. **Vegetable** growers continued planting and harvesting an array of vegetables. **Fruit** growers continued to working in orchards for upcoming harvest. **Apple** conditions were rated good in both states, however, **peaches** were rated good to excellent in both states. **Strawberry** harvest was near the end as some berries remained to be picked. **Small grains** conditions varied in both states as crops were rated from fair to excellent. **Soybean** growers continued to plant in both states. **Barley** harvest continued strong, growers were ahead of schedule in Delaware but behind in Maryland. **Winter wheat** harvest in full swing with less than half of the crop harvested. **Hay supplies** condition remained at adequate in both states. Few consecutive dry days hindered farmers from harvesting first and second cuttings of dry hay. **Pasture** conditions were rated fair to good in Delaware and good to excellent in Maryland.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 29, 2008

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, 1st cutting	91	90	100	95	100	100	100	89
Alfalfa Hay, 2nd cutting	47	33	75	46	40	23	76	50
Barley, headed	100	100	98	79	100	100	100	100
Barley, turned	100	100	100	99	98	98	100	99
Barley harvested	70	47	96	80	88	72	97	79
Corn, planted	100	99	96	77	100	100	100	99
Corn, emerged	99	96	99	79	95	95	100	99
Corn, silked	3	0	7	7	1	0	10	10
Cucumbers, planted	70	56	53	59	75	65	76	66
Cucumbers, harvested	5	5	0	7	5	1	1	4
Green Peas, harvested	91	86	71	74	82	62	91	78
Lima Beans, planted	77	68	79	68	66	49	76	59
Other Hay, 1st cutting	88	86	99	89	93	92	100	90
Other Hay, 2nd cutting	15	10	35	22	25	14	47	34
Snap Beans, planted	82	77	59	70	85	80	91	93
Snap Beans, harvested	12	9	2	8	4	1	10	8
Soybeans, planted	84	71	90	80	75	68	86	79
Soybeans, emerged	71	60	84	72	51	44	67	66
Soybeans, blooming	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	1
Strawberries, harvested	99	93	99	97	99	96	100	96
Sweet Corn, planted	90	86	96	91	87	81	93	85
Tomatoes, planted	95	92	96	94	96	92	99	92
Tomatoes, harvested	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Winter Wheat, headed	100	100	96	79	100	100	96	99
Winter Wheat, turned	100	97	95	96	94	89	100	89
Winter Wheat, harvested	39	13	47	34	44	10	44	33

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 29, 2008

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Apples	0	0	2	94	4	0	2	13	74	11
Barley	1	6	15	67	11	0	4	12	62	22
Corn	4	6	20	53	17	3	14	44	29	10
Pasture	2	4	16	59	19	2	6	39	50	3
Peaches	0	0	7	73	20	0	1	10	65	24
Soybeans	4	7	26	57	6	0	8	51	35	6
Winter Wheat	0	8	16	57	19	0	3	11	65	21

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 29, 2008

Maryland					Delaware			
Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last
	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
Very Short	10	3	5	2	22	3	3	1
Short	11	12	9	7	30	33	37	30
Adequate	75	80	85	87	48	62	60	68
Surplus	4	5	1	4	0	2	0	1

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 29, 2008

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
			Since Jan 1				
	Total		Depart				Depart
	this		From				from
	Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP		0.34	22.83	3.64	93	58	77 3
Frederick		0.80	24.33	5.41	90	57	75 5
Frostburg		1.24	28.17	5.60	81	51	67 2
Hagerstown		0.40	18.25	-0.22	89	57	75 3
Mechanicsville		0.59	26.25	4.81	90	60	75 1
Patuxent River		0.57	20.16	0.74	92	62	78 5
Ocean City		0.72	18.74	-2.31	95	63	79 6
Salisbury		0.54	20.19	-0.67	92	55	76 2
Sharpsburg		0.64	23.81	4.79	90	52	72 2
Stevensville		0.77	27.00	6.84	90	60	77 3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)		0.96	27.75	10.19	94	62	80 2
Delaware							
Dover		0.03	19.31	-2.15	93	61	77 3
Georgetown		0.02	16.59	-4.72	94	61	78 5
Wilmington		0.23	19.67	-0.48	93	60	77 4

^{1/}Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.
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